

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Martin A. Wand, et al.

Serial No: To be Assigned

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING A MULTIWORD DIGITAL MESSAGE  
WITH AN ISOCHRONOUS-SIGNAL PROCESSOR

Docket No: TI-31096

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Examiner: TBD

Date: July 31, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Ann Trent

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, please amend the  
specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional  
application Serial No. 60/221,698, filed July 31, 2000.--

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions concerning this  
application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in  
order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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